

Regular School Board Meeting February 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school commons.

Members present: Brian Merrill, Jacob Lien, Cynthia Nord, Rachel Larson, Kurt Gross, Grant Mystic and Superintendent Lundin.

Members absent: None

I. The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Nord at 7:00 p.m.

1. ICS presentation on Building Trades Project

II. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by R. Larson to remove item 9 from items for individual action. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. The Spelling Bee was held on January 25th. The participants from 5th grade were Macey Ams, Jace Boden, and Anna Nolden; from 6th grade Andreus Katsoulis, and Coltyn Puffe, and from 7th grade Maximus Katsoulis, Aiden Londo, and Nora Ruffing. 3rd place winner was Aiden Londo, 2nd place was Nora Ruffing, and the Blackduck champion speller was Maximus Katsoulis who moves on to the Regional Spelling Bee in Thief River Falls on February 8th. Thank you to Mark Hall and Jackie Magoon who were the judges.

2. Business Professionals of America had an unfortunate experience with Region Competition this year in that school was cancelled and all extracurricular activities were cancelled as well. However, with some creativity and reorganizing, BPA students who were participating in judged/production tests were able to compete from school the following week with the help of Zoom and other support systems. Four students will be attending state this year because of these support systems. Haley Patel (12th), Emily Kampa (10th), Lacey Thomas (10th) and Emmy Allen (9th) will be attending the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference in Minneapolis in March. They worked hard and truly appreciated the opportunity to compete with the help of the BPA Region Support System at Park Rapids High School and Blackduck High School.

3. This year's 2022 Snow Week was hosted by the Blackduck High School Student Council and was held February 4th through February 11th. The following students were elected to represent their grades as both attendants and candidates.

7th-grade Attendants: Joseph Lory & Jacqueline Yapan

8th-grade Attendants: Ethan Larson & Jaden Lamm

9th-grade Prince and Princess Candidates: Nathan Bloomquist & Maureen Stroeing

10th-grade Prince and Princess Candidates: McKennon Grover & Kenley Anderson

11th-grade Prince and Princess Candidates: Preston Zanter & Ellee George

12th-grade King Candidates: Calvin Bloomquist, Aden Erickson, Dawson Hazelton

12th-grade Queen Candidates: Chloe Landis, Callista Poxleitner, Sierra Scheldrup

The candidates and attendants were introduced at the Snow Week Coronation, held on Friday, February 4th. There was also a Pep-fest on Friday, February 11th. Both events were held in the High School Gymnasium.

Nathan Bloomquist was crowned the 2022 Snow Week Prince

Maureen Stroeing was crowned the 2022 Snow Week Princess

Calvin Bloomquist was crowned the 2022 Snow Week King

Chloe Landis was crowned the 2022 Snow Week Queen

Congratulation to all our Snow Week Candidates, Attendants, and Royalty!

B. Open Comments from General Participation

1. Dwight Kalvig – Hall of Fame

IV. Meeting Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's Report
3. Approve January bills
4. Approve open enrollments and board agreements for the 2021/22 school year.

Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to approve the consent agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by B. Merrill to approve a request from Nate Lien to spend up to \$50,000 to purchase Chromebooks for the 2022-23 school year. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made by B. Merrill, seconded by R. Larson to approve the amended 2021/22 school calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion was made by B. Merrill, seconded by R. Larson to approve Jeff Weaver's request for the DC Band and Choir trip. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to hire Greg Sorheim as a bus driver effective 2/2/2022 on Year 2 of the bus driver pay scale. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by R. Larson, seconded by B. Merrill to accept Sissy Neft's resignation from her para position effective at the end of the 2021/22 school year. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion was made by B. Merrill, seconded by K. Gross to accept Patricia Gerchy's request to medically retire effective February 28, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion was made by R. Larson, seconded by B. Merrill to accept Jeff Weaver's request for early retirement. Roll call vote: R. Larson-No, J. Lien-No, G. Mystic-No, C. Nord-No, B. Merrill-Yes and K. Gross-No. Motion failed 1-5.
8. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to advertise for a full-time Dean of Students. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Item removed from agenda
10. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to hire Jess Swedberg as the Jr. High Softball Coach for the 2021/22 season. Level IV, Year 1, \$1,897. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Motion was made by B. Merrill, seconded by R. Larson to approve the purchase of a cargo trailer up to \$15,000. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to approve a child-care leave for a HS paraprofessional. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Motion was made by B. Merrill, seconded by G. Mystic to approve the submission of the application for the flexible learning year. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to accept Donna Stroeing's resignation as Head Track Coach effective February 13, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.
15. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by G. Mystic to approve the Design Development submission from ICS. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to approve the resolution stating the intention of the school board to issue general obligation alternative and capital

facilities refunding bonds. Roll call vote: K. Gross-Yes, B. Merrill-Yes, C. Nord-Yes, G. Mystic-Yes, J. Lien-Yes and R. Larson-Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Items for Discussion

V. Reports

- A. Principal Reports provided by Susan Frank
- B. Enrollment Reports
- C. Superintendent Report provided by Mark Lundin

VI. Communications

- A. Card received from Blackduck Toys For Kids.
- B. Card received from the Jean Jirik family.

VII. Future Meetings

- A. Regular School Board meeting March 14, 2022.

VIII. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by G. Mystic to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson _____ Date _____

Clerk _____ Date _____

